GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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APPOINTMENT OF FOREIGN NATIONAL IN GMR FRAPORT .
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the GMR Fraport Consortium which has taken over the management of the IGI Airport from the Airports Authority of India has appointed a foreign national as its head as reported in `The Economic Times` dated July 26, 2006;

(b) If so, the facts thereof;

(c) Whether security clearance has been taken by the Consortium in this regard;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) If not, the action by the Government in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) Delhi Airport is under the control of Joint Venture Company (JVC) viz. Delhi International Airport Private Limited (DIAPL) headed by Shri Sriniwas Bommidala, an Indian National. Under Shri Sriniwas Bommidala, Mr. Ionnis Papastiefanou, a Greek National, has been appointed as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Delhi Airport. Security clearance of Mr.Ionnis Papastiefanou with respect to issue of Airport Entry Pass(AEP)/ Photo Identity Card (PIC) was taken from Intelligence Bureau by Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS). Consortium of the JVC of Delhi Airport is security vetted.

(e) Does not arise.